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Dear Friends:

What was it Longfellow wrote . . . "The melancholy days have come, the saddest of the year . . ."? Well, we don't agree with him here at our house for, after a very trying, hot and windy late summer we welcome the cool, invigorating fall days. In some parts of the country autumn comes much earlier, but just this morning I noticed how thickly the ground is covered with golden leaves, and how many small signs there are that winter is not far away.

For many it has been a discouraging season with little or no crops to harvest. Yet as Thanksgiving day draws near we must not forget the fortitute of our Pilgrim Fathers who gave thanks to God and praised His name after undescribable suffering and sorrow. The times of greatest thanksgiving have been the times of greatest hardships. We in America have been so blessed, have had so much, that it should be hard for us to be thankful *enough.*

When I think of what we have to be thankful for, I can hear the voice of our nine year old grandson, Martin, as he asked the blessing at our dinner table one noon. After he had listed a number of things he was thankful for he hesitated a moment and then said: "And dear God, thank you for just *everything.*"

"Everything" includes our griefs and our disappointments, as well as the material blessings we have received.

Right here I would like to quote from a copy of a sermon our son Frederick sent to us. I have wished I could share it with you, so this is a good time to copy a portion that seems to me particularly meaningful.

"The world we live in is thick with perplexities and heavy with anxieties. There is no home without its particular problems, heartaches, and grievous concerns. Day after day we find that so much of our mental and physical strength must be spent on personal problems, used to carry our own personal crosses. Each of us is daily faced with the temptation to become impatient and complain about our load of care. Each of us searches the horizon for better days, praying that the future conceals the finest and best that we have yet to know.

"We are tempted merely to exist now in the hopes that we shall really live in the future, but the day that we succumb to this temptation is wasted, lost forever, unless we can find something of value, something rich and good in it. As we look back upon some of the blackest and worst hours of our life, we shall find that our failures have often brought us richer blessings than some of the things we have called our successes."

We are planning a trip to Anderson, Ind. to see our son Donald, his wife Mary Beth and little Katharine who is now walking and trying to talk. We hope to get some pictures to share with you. It will be pleasant to see Indiana in the fall, and we always enjoy the ride through Iowa and Illinois. It is a temptation to go on to Massachusetts to see Frederick and his family since we will be almost halfway there when we're in Anderson, but circumstances combine to make us think that we should reserve that visit until another October rolls around.

We had a very successful gathering at our home recently. It was a version of a salad smorgasbord—something our group had never tried before. The committee furnished coffee, hot rolls of various kinds and a few tasty snacks. Each guest brought a bowl of her favorite salad—enough to serve six or eight people. I just wish you could have seen our dining room table after all the food had been placed on it!

There was chicken, ham, shrimp, tuna and crab salads (this had been molded in a fish mold and was accompanied by a cucumber dressing that was just right). Others brought vegetable and molded fruit salads that were almost too beautiful to eat. We hated to spoil the picture!

For a centerpiece I arranged the last roses from our garden in a silver boat-shaped tureen. And instead of luncheon size plates I got out my largest dinner plates so that each of us could sample several salads. There were so many kinds that guests really had to make two trips to the table before they had covered them all.

We enjoyed a nice dinner party in October when my sisters Jessie and Martha prepared a lovely meal to celebrate three autumn birthdays in our family — Bertha Field's, Fred Fischer's and Mart's. The meat was a real treat and brought back memories of the days when we were children on Sunnyside farm. In those days when we had been extra-helpful our father would let us go up into the cupalo of the barn and bring down some squabs which we would prepare for eating and roast over a bonfire.

Jessie was able to locate squabs and she arranged them with their stuffing around a mound of additional savory dressing on a large round platter. They looked for all the world like tiny turkeys. And they were perfectly delicious. In addition to all kinds of good dishes, Martha had made one of her specialities for us—lovely hot rolls.

Jessie is leaving soon to visit her daughter Ruth in Conn., and from there will go to Florida where she will spend the winter. Probably we won't see her again for a number of months. Martha plans to spend some time visiting her son Dwight in New Jersey.

I have almost completed my first winter project, the "Borrow and Return" pieced quilt. I'm afraid I'm not as good at piecing quilts as I am at some other types of handwork, but it has been fun. This quilt is to go to Howard and Mae for the truly magnificent walnut bed that Howard made last year. He continues to turn out pieces that are genuine heirlooms and finds it a tremendously rewarding hobby.

There are two special days we will be remembering in November. The first is Election Day and I sincerely hope you will not neglect to vote. Appreciate this privilege if you would keep America strong and free. Surely the terrible troubles that have come to other countries cannot come to us if we are active and interested in using the privileges that others before us worked so hard to achieve.

The other day is Thanksgiving, of course. As I write this, our family plans are only in the planning stage, but of one thing I am sure—there will be a Thanksgiving!

May God bless you and your dear family.

Sincerely,
Leanna

THE POWER OF LETTERS

On the United States Post Office in Washington, D. C., is carved the meaning of a letter:

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Of Peace and Good Will
Among Nations.

COVER PICTURE

There are a lot of things that "go with" little boys and pumpkins are among them. If they're not too big—pumpkins, that is—they can be rolled around and sat on and just generally enjoyed. Clark Driftmier had a fine time with these particular pumpkins and sat still just long enough for his Uncle Russell to snap the picture.

Come into the Garden

Dear Lucile: I wish you would tell me why I can never get big, beautiful blooms indoors on my hyacinths. I buy good bulbs, keep them in the basement until they show about two inches of growth, water them every two weeks, and still they just never come up and make a good showing. What do you think is my trouble?" —Ia.

Answer: Your trouble comes from watering them only once in two weeks. *Bulbs must be kept moist.* We pot ours in sand and keep it constantly wet—add water to it almost every day. No, the bulbs don't rot . . . they just come up and make the biggest, most beautiful blooms you can possibly imagine. Once we went to see a friend who complained that her hyacinths would never bloom and the instant we saw the pot we knew the explanation: it was as dry as a bone. This year use only sand for your hyacinths and keep water all but standing in it. You'll have wonderful blooms, I'm certain.

Question: "I'd like very much to have some lovely Gloxinias this winter and would much appreciate it if you could give me some help on this." —Mo.

Answer: You'll have your best success with Gloxinias if you pot them in January. We use a 5-inch pot for ours and put about an inch of charcoal in the bottom. Then the pot is filled with a mixture of 1 part good rich garden soil, 1 part sand, 3 parts leafmold and 1 tablespoon of plant food. They should be kept in a light room, *but not in direct light.* The soil should be kept moist, but use caution when watering so that water doesn't get on the upper surface of the leaves.

As soon as they are through flowering, let your plants dry off. Store them in a cool, dry place. The following January bring the plants back into fresh growth by watering bulbs.

Question: "This winter we will finish the work on our new home in town and expect to move into it in April. I intend to have a good-sized rose garden and would like to have a low hedge around it. Can you give me any suggestions along this line?" —Ia.

Answer: I cannot imagine anything better for this purpose than Amur River North Privet. Not only is it highly ornamental, but it serves as a real protection against wandering dogs and small children who might trample down your roses. Prune it back very severely when it is planted and several times during the first 18 months or so. This will make it extremely tight and dense at the bottom—and this is what you want.

Question: "We have visited your family gardens several times and much admire your magnificent roses. Now we have started our own rose garden and want your advice on when they should be cut back and prepared for winter."—Mo.

Answer: The exact month for cutting back roses can never be given when you live where the climate is as unpredictable as ours. However, Russell always plans to cut all of ours back after a series of heavy frosts have penetrated the ground—and before the first big winter storms strike. If you cut them back too early they will begin sending up new growth—and this is exactly what you don't want. After the ground is frozen the plants are dormant. Some people allow the plants to stand all winter with their full summer growth, but this is very hard on them.

Question: "What do you use for mulch to protect your plantings, particularly your roses?"—Minn.

Answer: We have used a number of things through these past ten years. Oak and maple leaves make a good mulch, but stay away from elm leaves. They pack down tightly—oak and maple leaves don't. For the past three years we have used excelsior and this makes a fine mulch since it never packs down and the air can circulate through it. Straw is almost equally good. They make the garden look "messy" and it's a nuisance to clean it off in the spring, but if you're willing to do the work and if you can close your eyes to the sight it makes, you'll never find a better mulch.

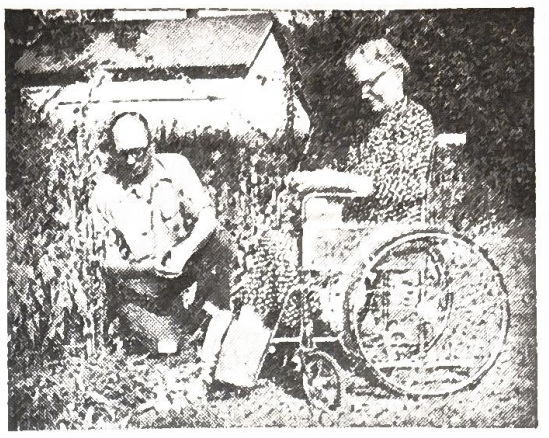
Question: "My husband and I have gotten very interested in Oriental poppies and would like to build up quite a display of them. We have been surprised to see new green leaves appear at this season and wonder what to do to protect the plants through the winter. Should we mulch them heavily—or what?"—Ill.

Answer: Oriental Poppies always throw up new growth in the autumn and the crown of the plant looks very lively and green. This is one plant that must be handled very carefully where mulch is concerned. The crown should be left exposed to the air for best results. Save your heavy mulch for the things around your poppies, but leave their crowns free—aside from a few leaves that might drift over on them.

Question: "We have just purchased a large two-story house that has no privacy whatsoever on the big screened-in front porch—it faces the west. I'd like to plant a vine next spring that makes fast growth and is dense enough to give us real privacy. What would you suggest?"—South Dakota.

Answer: Silver Lace vine was made to order for your needs! Plant one at each corner of the porch and by the time next autumn comes you'll have all the privacy you want. It makes incredibly rapid growth and is also extremely beautiful. For weeks on end it is covered with a solid spray of delicate white flowers. At all times the attractive green foliage will be tight enough to enable you to sit on that porch and feel comfortably shut off from the street.

Question: "I feel discouraged about my Clematis Jackmani experience. For three years running I have planted it on the west porch that gets full sun, and it simply doesn't thrive as it should. I'd like to give it one more try, but understandably feel hesitant." —Kansas.



On bright autumn days Mother loves to get out into the yard and visit with Russell while he plants daffodils, tulips and hyacinths.

Answer: There are always the exceptions, of course, but Clematis of any variety will rarely make splendid growth on a west exposure where there is full sun. This is just too much for it. I would certainly urge you to plant another Clematis Jackmani next spring, but do place it in an east exposure. If you want a vine for the west porch, note above what I suggested to the friend in South Dakota.

Question: "After struggling for two years with plantings around the south and west sides of our house we're just about ready to give up. This is an area about 8 ft. wide running from the foundation to a walk that goes from the front door around to the far end of the west side. There is ample sun and no big tree roots, but even expensive roses, evergreens, etc., have died. We couldn't even get our daffodils and tulips to bloom, while the annuals made such a skimpy showing that you could hardly see them. Have you any idea where our trouble can be?"—Kansas.

Answer: From your description it sounds very much like an area we once had in our yard where *nothing* would grow. Even strong doses of fertilizer, constant watering, etc., didn't seem to help any. Two years ago we had a load of rich top soil delivered and Russell built up the trouble area with this new soil. From that day on our troubles were over. Evidently your earth is totally exhausted and you too need to start from scratch with a load of top soil. Make it level throughout, plant whatever you wish, and I feel confident that your problems are over.

Question: "Next spring we expect to put out trees on our new property and would appreciate your advice regarding one area. There is room for four trees in a row along the west side, but we don't want heavy foliage that will give too thick a shade because I hope to build up a lovely flower garden along there in time to come. What could we use that would be permanent, fairly rapid growing, ornamental, and yet not cast too much shade or develop too heavy a root system?"—Nebr.

Answer: We think that the answer

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IN PRAYER AND PRAISE

A November Devotional
By
Mabel Nair Brown

SETTING: On the wall immediately back of a small table or above a fireplace, or altar, place the familiar picture "PRAYING HANDS". (Since most 4-H clubs have used this as one of their picture studies, you should be able to borrow this picture from your county extension office, if you cannot locate it among your friends.)

In front of the picture make a beautiful cornucopia arrangement using fruits, vegetables, gourds and autumn leaves. On either side place tall tapers, improvising "harvest candleholders" from acorn squash, large red apples, or from a portion of large ears of yellow corn. Let the candles be lighted just preceding the Call To Worship. (see note)

QUIET MUSIC: As the prelude, and during the call to worship and the scripture, use the music of "Old Hundred" (Doxology) and "Raise a Song Of Harvest Home", changing to "For The Beauty Of The Earth" during the Litany.

Call To Worship:

Father in heaven, we thank Thee today
For all the blessings Thou sendest our way.
Hear us, our Father, our voices we raise
To thank Thee, to bless Thee, to praise. (pause)
"Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us."—Ps. 90:17.

Scripture: Psalms 96:1-9.

Litany: (Leader will ask audience to join in response after each verse; request someone in advance to be sure to lead audience in response, unless mimeographed copies of litany are handed out.)

Leader: For the sun, the moon, the stars, the life-giving rains and all that gives us a beautiful land and an abundant harvest

Response: We thank Thee, oh God.

Leader: Yea, for fire and hail; snow and vapours; stormy wind that chasteneth and fulfilling His word

Response: We thank Thee, oh God.

Leader: For the daily blessings of food to eat, clothing to wear, the shelter of a home

Response: We thank Thee, oh God.

Leader: For the wonderful fellowship of Christian friends

Response: We thank Thee, oh God.

Leader: For the dear companionship of our loved ones

Response: We thank Thee, oh God.

Leader: That we may praise the name of the Lord, for His name alone is excellent; His glory is above the earth and heaven

Response: We thank Thee, oh God.

MUSIC: "For The Beauty Of The Earth" sung by entire audience.

Leader: "Everytime your elbow bends, your mouth flies open." These words many a father has spoken jokingly to a child at the dinner table. How true it is! We do not stop to think, "Now I'll lift my hand." "Now I'll open my mouth."—No, it all happens automatically without our consciously thinking about it.

Alison and Emily stood by very quietly while their Uncle Russell snapped the cover picture of Clark, but when he was through they had a grand time with the big pumpkins and squash.

"And sad to say, that is the way too many of the blessings of our daily life are received! Our scripture, our litany, the music, have all pointed out to us the great joys and blessings that surround us every day, showing us that even in the midst of trial and tribulation we still may have the great blessing of God's comforting presence.

"But are we guilty of so living in an atomic age that we even take our blessings that way? Are we only aware of the big events, the magnificent gifts, overlooking the greatest joy of living—that of appreciating the little blessings along the way as we go about our daily living? Perhaps this poem will make us more aware to count our greatest blessings.

THANKSGIVING

Can I count the sands of the seashore
Where the tides run low and high,
Or the migrating birds as they wing their way
Through a vast and ageless sky?
Can I count the very hairs of my head
Though they're numbered, I am told,—
Or the falling leaves of the maple tree
With their tints of gold?

If so, then I'll count the blessings
That surround me constantly:
My shelter, friends and loved ones,
My America, still free;
All nature, in colorful beauty—
The moon and the stars of night,
The glory of evening sunsets
And the power of warm sunlight.

The laughter of little children,
The rushing wind on my face,
The rain—the snow—the clinging fog,
And my chair by the fireplace.
My church, with its service and music,
The work that my hands find to do,
And the sound of familiar footsteps
When the labor of day is through.

Oh, how can I count my blessings
When "my cup runneth over" each day?
When my lips and my tongue are so helpless
To speak words I cannot say?
Is is not sufficient for me to know
That the Giver of all good things
Is able to see—and understand
What makes my glad heart sing?

—Lola Taylor Hemphill

Leader: (If preferred, a second person may be asked to read this portion.)

"'In prayer and praise' is the theme of our devotional period today. We have given thought to being aware of our greatest blessings which are also the ones about us everyday. I'd like to go another step and say that if we are truly grateful we will want to share and bless others. We will want to glorify the Father who has dealt so generously with us. How best can we do it? By making our daily lives a "living prayer in praise" to God. Thus *through us* He may *bless* the lives of *others,* and we may feel our own souls GROW and STRETCH to greater heighths!"

(Here quote the words of the poem, which has been set to music in many hymnals, "Others". It begins "Lord, help me to live from day to day in such a self-forgetful way that, even when I kneel to pray, my prayer shall be for—Others.")

"Let us never underestimate the worth of a smile, or a word of cheer, a helping hand, an unprejudiced mind, a sincere 'thank you', not used occasionally or to gain our own ends, but to lighten the way of OTHERS about us everyday of our lives. This is the harvest season, the Thanksgiving thought is uppermost in our minds and heart. Let us then remember that 'Every life we touch is a field; everything we do and all the words we speak, are seed. What will the harvest be?'" (by Rowland)

SOLO: "The Prayer Perfect" — James Whitcomb Riley's lovely poem prayer set to music.

Benediction: Our most gracious, Heavenly Father, we do pause this day to remember with gratitude the many tokens of Thy love. We thank Thee for the many opportunities that are ours to serve Thee and to be a blessing to others. Give to us the grace and wisdom to hear Thy voice and the courage, the strength, and the thoughtfulness to follow Thy will. Amen.

NOTE: A beautiful candlelighting service might be incorporated into this devotional by having six unlighted candles on the altar. Then have a person light a candle each time the leader begins reading a verse in the Litany.

THANKSGIVING DAY

November winds blow cold and strong,
And earth is monochrome;
But there is joyful gratitude
To God within our home.

There could have been no food to share,
Without our blessed Host,
Who gave us sunshine; sent us rain,
When it was needed most.

Who guides each white-flamed star along
Its farthest apogee,
And clothes the lilies of the field,
Can care for you and me!

—Thelma Allinder

LETTER FROM FREDERICK

Dear Friends,

It has been a beautiful fall here in the East—the coldest on record, but one of the loveliest. Last Saturday I took the family and went for a ride up into the Berkshire mountains where the foliage was magnificent. Our little girl from Iceland had never seen fall foliage before, and she was almost carried away by the beauty of it.

You see, until she came to this country last summer, she had never seen trees except for a few potted ones in a park. If you had in all your life never seen trees, just imagine how thrilled you would be to stand on a mountain top and look off into the distance at miles and miles of red, yellow, brown, and orange trees!

It doesn't seem possible that each year life could become more involved and more demanding of one's time, but that is the way it seems to be with me. During my summer vacation I put on twenty-five pounds of weight, and in the first six weeks of fall activity, I took off fifteen of those pounds. The longer I am in Springfield, the more activities demand my attention. Not only am I the Minister of one of the largest churches in the city, but I am also a member of the Board of Directors of seven other large organizations, and for each of them I have to serve on some important committee. In the month of October of this year I have attended more meetings and served on more committees than in any other month of my entire life. And all of this in spite of the fact that I thought I had organized my life and work in such a way that this fall and winter I would be able to take life a little easier than in previous years. Each year I think that I cannot possibly take on more responsibility and more activity, but somehow I manage to do just that.

Here in Springfield every fall there is held the largest fair on the eastern seaboard. It is called the Eastern States Exposition. On the last afternoon of the fair, I managed to find the time to take the children to it. Their main interests were in the carnival rides and the maple sugar exhibits. My David is a great little fellow for wanting to ride on the most exciting and thrilling rides, and much against his mother's better judgment, I let him ride on them.

I think that I learned my lesson this time, however. I let him ride on what I supposed to be just a simple little airplane swing, but what turned out to be a ride where one could actually make the little plane do all kinds of maneuvers, including rolling completely over. When I saw the little plane ahead of David and the one behind him start to roll over and over and dive up and down, I became frantic. It just so happened that I knew the safety belt in David's plane was 'way too large for him, and until then I had not been concerned because I had not known that the planes could do anything but swing around in a nice easy ride. Well, I tried to get the attention of the operator to tell him to shut off the motor and let my David out, but the man could not understand what I was trying to shout to him. All's well that ends well, and David, for once in his life, did not touch any of the controls within his reach, and he came down out of the plane safely.

His first words were: "Daddy, when I saw all those other planes start to turn over and over I just said, 'David! What are *you* doing up here.'" Well spoken! Believe me, the next time I put my little six year old on a carnival ride, it will not be until after I have watched it run a few times.

On one of the last nice days of the fall, I took twenty-five young adults from one of my church organizations down to our cottage in Rhode Island. It was a beautiful day—too cold for swimming, but just right for hiking. We took a beautiful hike with some pretty steep rock climbing that gave all of the young ladies a thrill. We went through some good snake country, but much to my disappointment we didn't see a single snake. There is just enough of the boy in me to love the excitement that is caused by a snake when there is a group of young ladies along. I particularly wanted to see a snake for Sigge's benefit. (She is the little girl from Iceland.) In all of her life she has never seen a live snake, and whenever we take a ride or a walk into the woods, she looks for snakes. I keep telling her that she is looking in the wrong place, for she has the idea that all snakes live in trees and she walks along looking up into the trees when she ought to be looking at the rocks and logs on the ground.

Late in the afternoon when we had come back from the hike, we drove down to the ocean a few miles away, and there the father of one of the girls was waiting for us with his large cabin cruiser motorboat. He took all of us for a ride up the harbor to the next town and then for a short run up the river and back. It was great fun even though the wind and the salt spray were quite cold. In the fall, the air is always so much colder than the water, but a combination of salt spray and wind is most uncomfortable. Those who got too chilly stayed inside in the cabin, but that was not for me. After the boat ride we all went to a seafood restaurant for supper and then on home. It was a perfect outing, and one that the group will remember for a long time to come. Already they are talking about doing the same thing a year from now.

I had a very humbling thing happen to me not so long ago. As I was leaving the cemetery with the family of a wonderfully fine man whom I had just buried, his widow took my hand and said: "God brought you to us for these hours. The fact that it was you who came to us at this time, strengthens my belief in divine providence." As I drove back to the church the words ran through my mind again and again: "God brought you to us for these hours." As a Christian, I suppose I must believe that, but how had God done it? In my service to that family in its sorrow, I had not been conscious of any Divine Force moving me along, or of a Divine Intelligence directing my thought and actions.

Speaking about this to a friend I said: "How can I say that it was God that sent me to them when I did that responsibility for the people of my out of a sense of duty, a sense of parish?" Like a bullet came back the answer: "It was not your duty to become a clergyman in the first place. The trouble with you, Driftmier, is that you look for divine providence too close at hand."

Now that started me to thinking—how did it happen that I became a clergyman? Where was the divine providence in that? I decided to enter the ministry while living in Egypt where I had an opportunity to see the amazing difference between a nominally Christian country and a nominally non-Christian one. It was not a dramatic decision; there was no opening of the sky and the sound of a voice from heaven, but still it is not difficult for me to believe that the spirit of love and compassion was destining me for a life as a clergyman.

But how did it happen that I went to Egypt in the first place? One day while in my senior year at Tarkio College I was very late to lunch in the college dining room and found it necessary to sit at the faculty table instead of in my usual place. There at the faculty table I visited with a guest who was from Egypt, and as a result of that conversation I decided that I would like to go there as soon as possible. But how did it happen that I was late to lunch? I had been detained because of the fact that I had been caught playing a youthful college boy prank, and was being given a very severe lecture by one of the faculty members. And so you see, I went to Egypt because of a prank that made me late for lunch that gave me an opportunity to learn about Egypt, that prompted me to go to Egypt, where I was influenced to become a clergyman. Now at what point am I to say that divine providence entered into all of this? Am I to say that it was God who inspired me to play the prank and get the severe lecture? God forbid!

That I became a minister because I went to Egypt, does not mean that I might not have become a minister had I remained in this country. The influence that my life in Egypt had upon my making such a momentous decision, could have come from any number of sources, and need not have been limited in time and space to Egypt. I must agree with the lady who said that it was divine providence that took me to her side in that critical moment of her life, but it was a providence that had been influencing my life in a thousand ways from my very infancy. I cannot say that my being the minister of that lady's church at that particular time was just chance!

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FROM MY DESK

By
Leanna

Last month, you may recall, we printed a letter from a woman regarding the serious problem her church organization was faced with when it came to trying to cope with a woman whose lack of cleanliness in the kitchen actually hampered their food sales, church suppers, etc. Some very interesting letters have reached us in response to my request that you friends express your opinion, so this month I am printing the one that seems to me the most reasonable. Should any other letters come with other viewpoints, equally sensible, I will print them in some forthcoming issue.

Dear Kitchen-Klatter Friends:

I feel free to write to you because I know that you will respect my request that my name and address not be revealed.

Your letter about the perplexed church workers in the October issue certainly struck home to our group because we had the identical problem facing us several years ago. Believe me, it can be a dreadful headache. And no solution is easy to arrive at or perfect.

We, too, just couldn't sit down face-to-face and bring up this delicate problem with our member. After much soul-searching—and yes, prayer too, we enlisted the help of our pastor and put all of the facts in front of him. By "we" I mean our officers and executive committee. This meeting was held quietly in the evening at his parsonage study, and needless to say, no record of it was made for our minutes.

Let me say first that you're never going to get 100% agreement as to what should be done. There will always be a few who want to ride roughshod and get it out in the open. However, most women will gladly cooperate, even at their own inconvenience, to get the thing settled without badly hurt feelings.

We decided upon the following course of action as our best answer. Our president, a sensible, kind-hearted woman, volunteered to throw open at the next meeting a general discussion of the problems involved in organizing food-sales, church suppers, and all other activities in which we worked. We charted our course of discussion in advance and agreed that what we needed was one woman to be responsible for *everything* connected with these activities, aside from the actual food itself. This meant that she had to line up donations, plan menus, take care of advertising, prepare whatever location was used for food sales, etc. As you can see, this was a BIG JOB. No woman with such responsibilities could be expected to furnish any food or do any cooking.

In proposing this new office we said we would install such an officer on one basis and one alone: that under no conditions was she to feel that she had to have anything to do with furnishing or preparing food.

Kristin and Juliana had the time of their lives one afternoon decorating the little house cake (see page 13). They frosted the cooky sheet, then put on green cocoanut for grass, and made a tiny mirror pool in the corner.

Our general discussion went off very smoothly, thanks to advance preparation. Our problem member was nominated for the new office and voted in unanimously. We went out of our way to let the other churches know that we were being constructive and efficient in handling our work in a new set-up. We described to them the responsibilities of this new office, stressing that any woman who held it was excused from working in the kitchen or preparing any food.

As a matter of fact, our problem member was a whiz at organization and extremely efficient in her new post. Every affair we had ran much more smoothly with her as captain at the helm. We have continued to vote her into this position every year and she has accepted it. Long ago our supporters throughout the town have forgotten how they used to dread buying food at our bake-sales, or attending meals.

Now this might not work for all groups, but believe me, it was the perfect answer to our problem. By cooperating in true Christian charity and Fellowship we were able to avoid creating a wound that would never heal, and we have greatly profitted by using this woman's abilities in the way that they should be utilized.

If by any chance you should use this letter, may I please add just one more thing? When you sit down to cope with such a problem, decide at the very outset that you are going to find the *Christian* answer. Turn to prayer. Ask for inspiration. In this frame of mind you are going to find the solution that will bind you together in Christian love. No matter how grievous the problem, your answer will come."—Mrs. Z. Z. Z.

WHAT TIME IS IT?

Time to do well,
Time to live better;
Give up that grudge,
Answer that letter;
Speak the kind word
To sweeten a sorrow . . .
Do the kind deed
You would leave 'til tomorrow.

NOW IS THE TIME

By
Mildred Cathcart

Did you promise yourself last year that Christmas would not rush upon you and find you unprepared? Then now is the time to do something about it.

Christmas is so much more fun if we have time really to PLAN out gifts, and such giving tends to curb the commercial aspect that many of us are coming to deplore. Begin now to make your "gifts of love."

By shopping leisurely and carefully you will find many items that are very useful and inexpensive as well. If your friends like to cook, why not choose a complete set for making one particular recipe? Perhaps you could type up one of your favorite salad recipes. Outline the recipe card with holly and make it look Christmasy. Then buy the necessary equipment for making this such as shredder and fancy mold, or for a tossed salad a cute little cruet or jug for the dressing, along with a suitable salad bowl. For a favorite cake, you might give her a new cake pan or a fancy cake plate for serving.

If your friend is a flower lover, give her some of your flower seeds or bulbs with an appropriate container to hold the cut flowers that she will enjoy the following summer. Plants that are already started in colorful pots would be more than welcome by those friends who lack a green thumb.

Every newly-wed would love a recipe cabinet filled with your sure-proof recipes. And we, who have cooked many meals, would equally prize some new ideas. Planning menus becomes monotonous at times, so a recipe file with some of your family's favorite menus would be welcome.

For friends who like to do fancy work, select something to be made. Supply the thread, floss, and so forth and let her have the enjoyment of doing the work on it. A supply of crochet patterns, smocking or Swedish weaving patterns are nice, inexpensive gifts that are practical as well as highly attractive.

Aprons are a perennial favorite but you can go a little further. Make matching mother-daughter aprons or make an apron for the child with a matching apron for dolly. Make aprons and use the scraps to applique designs on dish towels. An extra fancy holiday apron, given early in December, will be a prized item during the Christmas entertaining. Such aprons made in red or green may be decorated with removable miniature bells or wreaths fastened to the pocket or waist band. My favorite holiday apron last season was made of green with a gold border. The waistband boasted a tiny wreath fashioned of red felt and the little berries were bright buttons with rhinestone centers.

For little girls you may buy an inexpensive "model" doll and then save all types of scrap material so

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MARGERY SHARES SOME CLUB IDEAS WITH YOU

Dear Friends:

The last flowers from the garden are in the house. I always watch the weather news and as soon as a frost is forecast I gather in what is left from the garden. I'll have to admit that the flowers are rather scrawny, due to the lack of moisture, but with bittersweet and hedgeballs to fill in I did manage some rather nice arrangements. We didn't find much bittersweet this fall. The place where we usually drive to get some had been stripped and driving on we found very little. The hedgeballs seemed plentiful though.

Oliver has been busy spading the garden, transplanting some roses and putting in new fall bulbs. We planted more of the earlier blooming bulbs. What would we do without the promise of Spring?

This is the time of year we look over the storm windows and see what needs to be done. We usually have one or two to repair or replace. We were grateful for some warm days when we had to put in some new window panes.

This past month club activities got into full swing. I expect most of you are active in some phase of church work and social clubs. We do so enjoy your letters with details of programs, decorations and refreshments. I was very pleased with your comments on the "Main Street Cafeteria" I described in my last letter. Some of you have indicated that you plan to follow that theme for your church bazaar this year.

Perhaps you would be interested in another idea. The theme is "Christmas Around the World" and was used at the Methodist church here in Shenandoah a year or two ago. Booths were decorated to represent different countries. For instance, the fancy work booth was Ireland for they are noted for their fancywork and laces. The pantry was represented by Sweden. I remember that the women of the church had collected favorite cookie recipes and had little cookbooks on sale. There was a Japanese Tea Room where dainty sandwiches, cookies, coffee and tea were served throughout the afternoon. Japanese umbrellas and lanterns were used in decorating the room. The evening dinner was served American style. I might mention here that flags and costumes of the countries were a part of the decorations. I won't go into detail about all of the booths but if you are interested in such a theme this will give you a foundation for your planning committee.

I was chairman for our first P.-T.A. meeting this fall. We served doughnuts and coffee to about seventy-five persons. The table was centered with a lovely arrangement of yellow and white mums. We were fortunate enough to find some dainty white paper napkins with yellow mums on them to help carry out our color scheme.

The program was "Understanding Between the Rural and City Child" and was in the form of a panel made up of a member of the State Board of Education, County Board of Education, Township Board of Education and the Superintendent of the Shenandoah Public Schools. I had to miss part of the program because I was involved in coffee making and table setting, but Abigail stopped by the house after the meeting and filled me in on most of the discussion. We have some very interesting programs lined up for our P.-T.A. meetings and as many of you are also members of this fine organization, I'll report on programs from time to time. It might give you ideas for your own meetings.

The theme for another club meeting this past month was "Historical Sights and Events in Iowa". This was high-lighted with a very interesting talk on the Amama Colonies by one of the teachers in Essex, Iowa who formerly taught in Amana. Since Oliver, Martin, Kristin and I visited there this past summer it was of particular interest to me. Every state has a fascinating history, plus historical spots, so this idea for a club meeting could be used wherever you live.

Near Shenandoah we have what remains of an old Mormon settlement called Manti. When I was a child Mother took us on many all-day hikes out to Manti for picnics and to view what remains of the old Manti cemetery. I also hiked out there as a Camp Fire Girl. It was always a thrill for this was *history*. Now I read in the local paper of another generation hiking to Manti. Fortunately, this very important part of our Iowa history has been appropriately marked by the D.A.R.

When Uncle Henry Field's family was growing up they had at Manti what they called their summer home, which was actually a group of small cottages. To teach the children responsibilities they were divided into groups to live in the cottages, each group having complete charge of a cottage. They ate together in a common dining room and of course all had a part in meal preparation. They lived in this way during the summer months and my! how the cousins would look forward to invitations for a visit to the camp. This was all before my days of recollection but when the Field children are home for visits conversation will always steer around to those wonderful slumber parties and campfires at Manti. Later, when the children were grown, these cottages were moved to Shenandoah for rental purposes. They still stand just east of the seedhouse.

I mustn't leave Manti without telling you about one picnic I remember very vividly. It was a birthday party for Letty Field (now Letty Bianco). I don't know how old I was but I was just a youngster, perhaps nine or ten years old. What I remember about the picnic was that I ate the entire contents of a jar of sweet pickles. Oh, how sick I was! It was a good thing that eating was the last event for that day for I was more than ready to go home! Dear big sister Dorothy was along to help with the youngsters and I remember hearing all the way home how little sense I had!

I've *finally* decided on the paper for the living room and dining room and hall but our paper hangers are working on a big project in a very large home so it looks as if it will be midwinter before they can get to us. These friends of ours who are having the work done moved out to the farm while the redecorating is being done. They have four youngsters in school so there are many trips back and forth to town. Doris says she spends most of her day in the driver's seat but finds it much easier than living in a house completely torn up from top to bottom.

Martin's Cub Scout den has started their new year. They are busy working on puppets, which is the theme for the month, and have a cook-out scheduled for next week, so he is a busy, happy boy. This year he is a member of the Junior Choir of the church which meets once a week for practice. He also likes to go to the Senior Choir rehearsal with me and sits in the choir where he can watch the organist. He is fascinated with the footwork for the base notes so perhaps I should say that he sits on the floor, for that is where he usually is. Last week the organist let him play the organ for a few minutes after rehearsal and you never saw such a happy child. Martin doesn't take piano lessons yet for we don't have a place now for a piano. I think that we will have to see what we can do about that for he is beginning to show an interest.

It is time for me to get lunch for my hungry family so I must say goodbye until next month.

Sincerely,
Margery

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—Mildred Hoskinson

"THANKSGIVING — 1621 AND 1956"

By

Nancy Chase

Next to Christmas, Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday. Because I love to cook and I like to eat, on the third Thursday of November I really live it up. Traditionally, we don't go "over the river and through the woods" to Grandma's—we stay home on Thanksgiving and invite the Grandmothers to our house. But sometimes I get so wrapped up in the dinner part of the arrangement that I sort of neglect the thanks-giving.

There is no reason why these two can't be combined very nicely—in fact, that's the real reason behind the whole celebration. The Pilgrim Fathers had blessings to be thankful for, so they asked the Pilgrim Mothers to cook up a feast. And I like to think that the Prudences and the Pricillas of Plymouth Colony said a little prayer of thankfulness as they poured the brine off the hominy, just as we still do today when we thaw out the vegetables from the home freezer.

To prepare Thanksgiving dinner I must fill a grocery list. I find that in the process of doing so I can also add to my Thankful List. On the way to the store I pass our town's fine new court house. I hope never to become entangled with the law, but I am very grateful that the court house, and the things it stands for, are there. The Pilgrims came to America to find freedom and the rights that are protected; and the laws that are enforced in that court house are part of the heritage handed down from them.

Over to the right on my way to the store are three churches. Across town are four others. We have good friends who worship in all of these churches and none of them, nor anyone from the government ever questions the right to choose our own denomination. The Pilgrims were too austere for my tastes, but they had the right idea when they maintained that everyone should be able to worship as he pleases.

The children are streaming out of school as I go to buy my Thanksgiving groceries. They are delirious at the prospect of a holiday vacation. Next Monday they'll be back at their desks engaged in absorbing a little more education. All of the time I'm thankful that our children have good schools, but I'm always a little more enthusiastic about it after I've had the youngsters around the house during vacation. Good schools are the community's biggest asset and one of its biggest responsibilities. I mustn't forget to put schools on my thankful list.

Turkey is the main dish of our Thanksgiving dinner just as it was back in Plymouth colony. Papa Pilgrim had to go out in the woods and shoot a wild bird for the original feast. Mamma Pilgrim, waiting at home, had the abundance of wild game and the magic of the blunderbuss that brought it down for which to be thankful.

Jean Alexander (left) is Uncle Frederick Fischer's only granddaughter and he got much pleasure from the visit she made in August. Both Jean and her friend, Kolyse Golder, live in Claremont, Calif., although at the present time Jean is a freshman student at Oberlin College in Oberlin, Ohio.

Today, I go to the telephone and order my turkey—either the small junior size or a great big one and I know that it will come to me all dressed, neatly pin-feathered, ready for the oven. Papa gets into the car and goes to pick it up. The telephone—that's something I have to be thankful for. It's a mixed blessing it is true, especially when it calls Father out in the middle of the night or when I waste thirty perfectly good minutes just yakking over it; but think of the miles of walking it saves me and the contacts with friends it keeps for me. And the aid it can summon in major and minor emergencies. The automobile—I'm thankful for that, too. I'd probably never get any farther than main street if it were not for that invention.

You just must have cranberry sauce for Thanksgiving. I think it's illegal or something to omit it! Mrs. Pilgrim went out into the bog and picked her cranberries and they were pretty puny compared to the luscious ones we serve now at the turn of a can opener or the opening of a cellophane bag. I read someplace that back in the days of the American Colonies, one year they had a terrific sandstorm. Everyone got real gloomy because they thought the cranberry crop was a goner for sure. But when they scraped off the debris they found that the berries were bigger and better than ever and it revolutionized people's ideas of cranberry farming. So, for cranberries—bigger and better—I am thankful.

When I get all the goodies together for the Thanksgiving dinner, I take them home and stash them in the refrigerator until Thursday morning. Refrigerator—that's another item for my thankful list along with such other modern miracles as automatic washers, ironers, vacuum cleaners, and central heating. People got along without them just fine for centuries but I'm glad I don't have to for in the

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time they save, I can do all sorts of things like listen to the radio, watch television, read books, play with the youngsters and try my hand at writing.

We gals of today complain of "standing over a hot stove all day—working our fingers to the bone." Mrs. Pilgrim should have had it so good! She cooked the first Thanksgiving dinner over an open fireplace and her automatic temperature control wasn't working worth a hoot!

Early Thanksgiving morning I get up to pop the turkey into the oven. I like to roast it long and slow, wrapped in a butter-dipped cheese cloth and resting on a rack in an uncovered pan. I always stew a little bit along with the roasting. Will the bird be tender? Will there be enough for everyone with lots of leftovers? Will it come out nice and brown?

The children love Thanksgiving morning and they help with the preparations. Sometimes it takes only a couple of more hours to get ready than it would if they didn't help me. We get out the lace tablecloth, move the table to the living room and wipe the dust from the good china. Pretty soon the grandparents arrive and there's just the gravy to make and the potatoes to mash and we can proceed with the festivities.

On the first Thanksgiving there were many vacant chairs in the family circle for the first year in the new world was a rugged one. Grandparents, fathers, mothers and children died. Scarcely a family was left untouched and the gratitude at the first Thanksgiving was tempered by the sadness in the hearts. As I look around our Thanksgiving table, at the children, fat and sassy, at the grandparents, active and enjoying life, and at Father presiding over the gathering, I think how grateful I am that those nearest and dearest to me can be with us for Thanksgiving.

We bow our heads while one of the children takes his turn at asking the blessing. It's a short prayer and it doesn't postpone the moment of eating an instant longer than necessary. And it doesn't begin to cover all the things for which we are truly grateful. "Thank you Lord, for everything", ends the prayer we sometimes use. We hope that it will somehow convey our thanks-giving for the bounty of His blessings.

COMPARISONS

The Golden Rule, that great standard for Christian ethics, has its counterpart in other religions.

For instance, the Mohammedans say, "No one of you is a believer until he loves for his brother what he loves for himself."

In Hebrew, the law reads, "What is hurtful to yourself, do not to your fellow man."

The Buddhist religion states, "In five ways should a clansman misister to his friends and familiars—by generosity, courtesy and benevolence, by treating them as he treats himself, and by being as good as his word."

The Hindu version is, "Do not to others, which if done to thee, would cause thee pain."

Confucianism charges, "Do not unto others what you would not they should do unto you."

Those of the Taoist faith say, "Regard your neighbor's gain as your own gain and regard your neighbor's loss as your own loss."

If you were a Sikh, you would learn, "As thou deemest thyself so deem others. Then shalt thou become a partner in heaven."

Jainism says it with poetic dignity, "In happiness and suffering, in joy and grief, we should regard all creatures as we regard our own self."

And finally, followers after Zoroaster are taught, "That nature only is good when it shall not do unto another whatever is not good for its own self."

Comparisons of this nature can help us to realize that all kinds of people have the same basic ideals. World peace can come closer if we look for similarities in others rather than differences. Reread the preceding paragraphs and then remember the Christian words, "All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them."

—Margaret Barnett

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DOROTHY REPORTS FROM THE FARM

Dear Friends:

After our busy summer this past month has seemed very calm and peaceful! The first thing I did this month was to take care of the peaches and tomatoes. We still have peach sauce in the cave so I made pints and pints of peach preserves. After I had made up all that I thought we could use, we gave the rest of the peaches to friends. Delia Johnson came down one afternoon and helped me can my tomatoes; then the next day she came again and we picked the grapes and made them all up into grape juice—which we divided.

The folks have made two trips to see us this month. They came the Sunday before school started and brought Kristin home after she had spent a week in Shenandoah with Juliana. Uncle Fred Fischer also came with them. After dinner Mother and I went down and sat by the lake and fished and visited. Mother caught her first fish, in fact she caught three big enough to clean and eat! Frank cleaned them for her before they went home so that she could take them with her.

The next time they came they brought with them Howard, Mae and Juliana. Mae had never visited us where we now live, so after dinner she and Kristin and Juliana got in the boat and rowed to the end of the lake and back while Mother and I fished again. It was a beautiful day and we all had a good time.

We have a lot of awfully good turnips in our garden this year. Frank's father always said to plant turnips on the "25th of July, wet or dry," and we did. It was terribly dry so we sprinkled the ground well after we planted them and about three days later we had a nice rain. It has been awfully dry the past month, but the turnips are really nice and big. The last time the folks were here I fixed my big glass baking dish full of escalloped turnips and everyone thought they were so good that Mother suggested I tell you how I fixed them.

Frankly I had never cared much for turnips until I ate some that Frank's mother had fixed this way. Now I think I can honestly say that it is my favorite vegetable dish.

I peeled and diced into small cubes six large turnips and this is just the right amount for my baking dish which is eight inches across and three inches deep. Put these into a pan and cover with water, put in a pinch of soda and bring to a boil. Drain off this water, cover with fresh water and salt to taste; then boil them until they are just about done. Drain the turnips and put them into the baking dish. Pour over them enough cream, or cream and milk, barely to cover them. (I use all cream if I have enough on hand; otherwise I use what cream I have and thin it out with milk.) In a small bowl mix 1/4 cup of sugar, a heaping tablespoon of flour and enough cream to make a thin paste. Pour this over the

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This is the quilt that Mother describes in her letter. Dorothy is holding up one side in the picture.

turnips and kind of stir it in. Dot the top with butter if you prefer and put them in a slow oven, about 250 or 275, and let them bake for almost an hour.

School is now well under way. Kristin is on a much longer bus route this year than she has been in previous years. She is the second one to get on in the morning and the next to the last one off at night, so she really has a long school day. When the roads are dry so the bus can come to the house for her she gets on at 7:15 and gets home at 5:15. When it is muddy and she has to walk out she leaves the house at 7:00 and gets home at 5:30. Needless to say we aren't at all happy about this schedule, and neither are the school authorities, but under the circumstances there is nothing that can be done about it. There are about 30 children on this bus between kindergarten and third grade who get on last, and since they are so young they reverse the route at night and take them home first, as they should, because no one could expect those little children to make that long bus ride and get home so late. Of course, as the days get shorter if the bus can't come to the house we will take Kristin out and meet her with the jeep.

We have been combining beans today. The first field they did made 45 bushels to the acre, so you can see that here on the bottom we would rather have a dry year than a wet one.

When I was doing the dishes this morning I was trying to think what I could have for dinner that would be good no matter what time Frank came in to eat. I thought about a ham hock I had in the freezing compartment and decided to boil that with some navy beans I just knew I had in the cupboard. I put the hock on to boil first because it was frozen, then went to get the beans. I hunted and hunted and no beans. The meat was already boiling and I didn't know what to do. Suddenly I remembered I had some lima beans in the garden and surely I could find enough that were already dried to make a meal for the two of us. I dashed out and picked them and shelled them and tossed them in with the ham. Fortunately Frank didn't come in until almost 1:00 so they were done in time. They tasted awfully good, too.

I had to make another trip to Shenandooah last week with this ear infection I can't seem to get rid of and

Kristin, of course, had to be in school so she kept house for her Dad. I was gone almost a week and they got along just fine. On Sunday Bernie and Delia and August came for dinner. Kristin said she baked a pie and Bernie and Delia each brought something and helped her get the dinner.

The afternoon I got home Frank told me to go out and sit on the front porch—that he and Kristin had a surprise they wanted to show me. Frank drove the jeep down in front of the house, then got out and Kristin slid over into the driver's seat. We have a large meadow between the yard fence and the road which is nice and level and makes a wonderful practice ground for someone who is learning to drive. While I was gone Frank had taught Kristin to drive the jeep and you can imagine how thrilled she was.

Until next month . . . Dorothy.

NOW IS THE TIME (Concluded)

the dolly will have a varied wardrobe. Remember that small children are strong for trimming so include lace, ribbon, rickrack, and other finery.

From your old magazines and newspapers come wonderful gifts for small children. One year Jean Marie received a scrap book filled with many bright colored pictures. There were animals, children playing, Christmas scenes, etc., and she spent many hours with her book. In fact, after two years of looking, she still enjoys this. We have added pages and she pastes her own selections in it, too.

Have you ever tried using your camera for Christmas gifts? City children would surely enjoy a tiny album filled with farm pictures. The baby calf, the long-legged colt, and the puppies would be appealing. Or for hard-to-buy-for adults, picture albums showing your family at work, the children at play, and even a snapshot of the neighbor you write so much about would be appreciated.

Do you have an older friend who enjoys poetry and choice sayings? A little book full of these clippings would be a much appreciated gift.

For those women who like to piece quilts, save your scraps and then purchase some material for "finishing" the quilt.

For small children I would like to suggest an item which you might think sounds worthless and the mother might find somewhat of a "nuisance," but from experience I guarantee the children will enjoy it. Find a small wooden box or a substantial carton and paint it. Add decals or make up your own designs. Boys (and girls, too) would like cowboy motifs, or you might paint on nursery rhyme designs. Then fill the box with spools, all the attractions which you get in cereal and other foods, discarded postal cards, plastic spoons from your ice cream stand, and the many items that you find daily. Our children have enjoyed these things even more than many of their toys.

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SPECIAL TURKEY DRESSING

2 loaves of 3-day old bread
1/2 pound butter
2 large onions
2 pounds fresh mushrooms, sliced
3 cups diced celery
3 Tbls. minced parsley

Crumble bread into a large kettle, moisten with hot water or stock so that it is soft but not wet. Let stand on the back of the stove where it will keep warm. Fry onions in butter, turn them in with the bread. Fry the sliced mushrooms in the same skillet for 5 minutes. Then fry the celery and add these to the bread. Salt and pepper to taste.

Wash and dry the turkey, inside and out. Rub the inside with softened butter, sprinkle with salt and pepper and fill the body cavity with the dressing. Rub the skin with oil and roast, uncovered, basting occasionally with butter and hot water. Allow 25 minutes per pound. Start roasting in a 450 degree oven for 25 minutes, then reduce heat to 325 or 350 degrees.

SQUAW CORN

6 slices of bacon
1 can corn (2 cups)
3 Tbls. grated onion
4 Tbls. chopped pimiento
4 Tbls. chopped green pepper
3/4 tsp. salt and little pepper

Slice bacon in pieces and place in pan to cook slowly until slightly brown. Drain off all but 2 Tbls. of the fat. Add vegetables with liquid from corn and simmer for 15 minutes.

ESCALLOPED ONIONS

Cook in salted water the number of onions needed for your family. Drain when tender and place in buttered baking dish. Cover with a medium-thin white sauce, or with a can of cream of mushroom soup that has been diluted with 1/2 cup light cream or milk. Cover with crushed potato chips and bake for 15 minutes in a 350 degree oven.

PUMPKIN PIE

1 1/4 cups pumpkin
1 cup brown sugar
1 tsp. cinnamon
1/2 tsp. ginger
1/2 tsp. allspice
1/2 tsp. salt
1 Tbls. flour
2 eggs
1 cup milk
1/2 cup cream
1 tsp. Kitchen-Klatter vanilla
(If desired use 3 eggs, instead of 2 eggs and 1 Tbls. flour.)

Mix spices, flour, salt and sugar. Add the pumpkin. Add slightly beaten eggs, milk, cream and vanilla. Bake for 10 minutes at 450 degrees, then reduce heat to 325 degrees and continue baking until firm. This makes one 9-inch pie.

CRANBERRY SHERBET

2 cups cranberries
1 1/2 cups water
1/2 pound marshmallows
1/2 cup orange juice
1 Tbls. lemon juice
1/8 tsp. salt
2 egg whites
1/4 cup sugar

Cook cranberries in water until skins pop; then sieve. Add marshmallows and stir until melted. Add orange juice, lemon juice and salt. Cool. Freeze until mushy. Beat egg whites with sugar and fold into cranberry mixture and return to freeze. No more stirring is required.

ORANGE-CANDIED SWEET POTATOES

We chose this particular recipe for sweet potatoes for your Thanksgiving dinner because of the short baking time. When the turkey comes out of the oven, put in the sweet potatoes. By the time the turkey is carved, this dish is ready for the table.

2 pounds sweet potatoes
1 whole orange, sliced unpeeled
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 cup brown sugar
1/2 cup light corn syrup
2/3 cup orange juice
2 Tbls. butter
1/2 cup chopped pecans

Cook the sweet potatoes until tender in salted water. Drain, cool, peel and slice in 1/2 inch slices. Butter a 1-quart casserole. Arrange layer of potatoes, orange pieces, brown sugar and corn syrup. Repeat layers. Sprinkle top with orange juice and chopped pecans and butter. Bake in a 375 degree oven for about 20 minutes. This serves 6.

EACH DAY

Each day I wash my dishes,
Each day I comb my hair,
Each day I stand before my range
And three good meals prepare.
Each day I do some dusting,
Each day I sweep my floor,
Each day I wonder what it was
I did the day before!

LEMON-BEET SALAD

1 pkg. lemon gelatin
1 cup water
3/4 cup liquid from canned beets
3 Tbls. vinegar
1 Tbls. horseradish
3/4 cup diced celery
1 cup cooked diced beets
2 tsp. grated onion
Mayonnaise
Salt

Combine gelatin and water. Follow directions for temperature of water. Add beet liquid, vinegar, salt, onion and horseradish. Stir until dissolved. Chill until partially set. Fold in celery and beets. Pour into individual molds and chill until firm. Unmold on crisp lettuce and top with mayonnaise.

EGG PLANT IN CASSEROLE

2 cups cooked rice
1 cup cooked meat, chopped fine
1 tsp. butter
2 cups chopped cooked egg plant
1 cup tomatoes
1 cup bread crumbs
Salt and pepper to taste

In a greased casserole put 1/2 of the rice, then 1/2 of the meat and 1/2 of the egg plant. Pour over this the cup of tomatoes and then use the rest of the ingredients in the same way. Pour 1/3 cup of water over all and bake in a moderate oven until light brown.

CRISP MAPLE REFRIGERATOR COOKIES

1 cup shortening
2/3 cup firmly packed brown sugar
1 egg
1 tsp. Kitchen-Klatter maple flavoring
3 cups flour
1 1/2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. salt

Cream shortening and sugar and add egg. Beat well and add flavoring. Sift together the flour, baking powder and salt. Add and mix well. Shape into 2 rolls and wrap in waxed paper. Chill until firm and slice. Bake on greased cookie sheet in a hot oven, 400 degrees, for about 8 minutes. These are also delicious with chopped pecans.

CRANBERRY RELISH

4 cups whole cranberries
1/2 cup orange juice
1 cup sugar
1/2 tsp. salt
2 envelopes plain gelatine
2 cups apple juice

Put berries through food grinder using fine blade. Dissolve gelatine in 1/2 cup cold apple juice. Heat remaining apple juice and orange juice. Add sugar and salt. Add dissolved gelatine to hot mixture, combine at once with ground berries and turn into a large glass baking dish.

NOTE: This is very tart and should be used only as an accompaniment to roast turkey or baked fowl. It is delicious as a contrast, but we do not recommend serving it with dressing as a salad.

WINTER EVENINGS IN THE KITCHEN

When winter evenings roll around, the family just naturally seem to drift towards the kitchen to stir up a batch of candy or to pop corn. I have tried to find recipes which are nearly fool proof so our children can take an active hand in the festivities.

A great favorite with our family is this easy recipe for

CARAMEL CORN

2 cups sugar
1/2 cup boiling water
1/4 tsp. cream of tartar

Stir together and boil slowly until it turns a light brown. Remove from fire and add one tablespoon butter and 1/2 teaspoon soda.

Pour over five quarts of popped corn. Set pan over low fire and stir until corn is well covered.

POP CORN BALLS

3 quarts popped corn
1 cup molasses
2/3 cup brown sugar
1 cup water
2 Tbls. butter
1/4 tsp. soda
2 Tbls. vinegar

Boil all ingredients except soda until a "click" ball forms in cold water. Remove from fire and add soda. Mix well and while foaming, pour over corn. Makes 18 balls.

EASY PEANUT CLUSTERS—

Children can make these

1/2 lb. sweet chocolate
2/3 cup sweetened condensed milk
1 cup whole peanuts

Melt chocolate in top of double boiler. Remove from heat. Add milk and peanuts, mixing thoroughly. Drop by teaspoonful on buttered sheet. Chill several hours.

PEANUT BRITTLE—A favorite

1 1/2 cups raw peanuts
1 cup sugar
1/2 cup water
1 1/2 Tbls. butter
1/2 cup corn syrup
1/4 tsp. baking soda
1/2 tsp. Kitchen-Klatter lemon flavoring

Spread the peanuts on shallow buttered tray or cooky sheet. Mix sugar, syrup, and water, stirring until sugar is dissolved. Then boil without stirring until mixture is VERY brittle when tested in cold water, or boil to 300 degrees on candy thermometer. Remove from heat and add butter, soda, and flavoring. Pour over the peanuts making a thin coating. When cool, break into small pieces.

FUDGE

3 cups sugar
1 cup milk
2 ounces unsweetened chocolate
1 Tbls. butter
1 tsp. Kitchen-Klatter vanilla flavoring
Nut meats if desired

Mix ingredients and cook until soft ball forms when tested in cold water, or cook to 226 degrees. Take from fire, add butter, vanilla, and nut meats. Let cool. When cool, beat until thick and shiny. Pour on buttered plate.

— Mildred Cathcart

PINEAPPLE CHEESE SALAD

1 pkg. lime gelatin
18 marshmallows
1 cup diced cheese
1 small can crushed pineapple
1 cup nuts
1 cup whipping cream

Dissolve gelatin in 1 cup boiling water and melt marshmallows in it. Add pineapple juice and enough water to make 1 cup. Combine cheese, nuts and pineapple and add to gelatin when it starts to set. Fold in whipped cream and chill. Serve with salad dressing.

CRANBERRY SPIRALS

Make a nice rich biscuit recipe and roll it out to 1/4 inch thickness on a lightly floured surface. Brush with melted butter. Spread a can of cranberry sauce over the dough and roll as for a jelly roll. Cut in 1/2-inch slices and place, cut side down, in a greased pan. Bake in a hot oven, about 425 degrees for 30 minutes. Serve with whipped cream. Sometimes I make these with finely diced apple which has been sprinkled generously with sugar and cinnamon.

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A LETTER FROM LUCILE

Dear Widely-Scattered Friends:

I don't believe that I have ever before addressed you in this way, but just now when I sat down to visit with you I suddenly had a flashing vision of all the places where my letter would be read. This means countless homes in every state in our country, plus many foreign countries as well. I feel profoundly grateful that circumstances have given me the opportunity to be in touch with so many people in so many diverse places, but at the same time I feel just a little uneasy too—what can I say that will be in any way interesting and helpful!

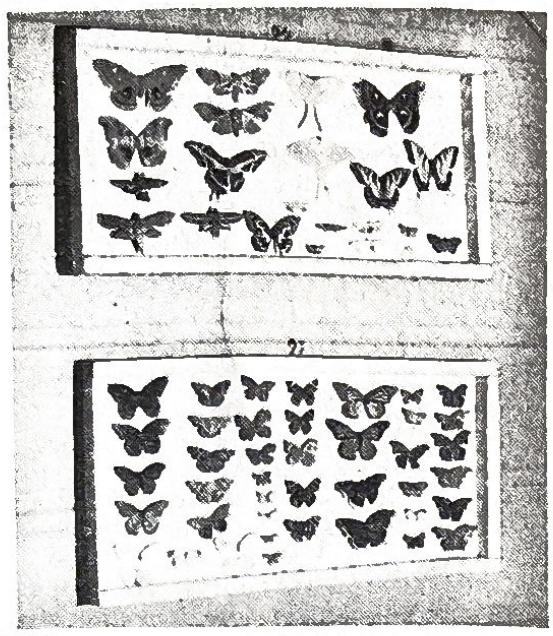
Frankly, I don't think I'm the only person who feels this way. Over and over again I pick up letters from you folks, read them with lively interest, and then am appalled to come across something like this at the very end: "Please excuse my dull letter. I don't go anywhere much or do anything interesting, but I just wanted to write to you."

If I had a King Midas fortune I'd pick up the telephone then and there and call this person and tell her that I appreciated every word she took time to write, that I was very interested in anything that she had to say, and that I too felt I didn't go much of anywhere or have anything to report of interest!

It seems to me that the longer we live, the more acutely we realize that essentially people are all in the same boat and share the same anxieties and the same happiness. On the surface it often appears that some people have really exciting and glamorous lives—that they are spared from poor health, financial worries, and all the other things that seem to be our own lot. But I've known a goodly number of such people in my life and underneath the bright surface there is the same basic pattern that the rest of us know. None of us can escape a common destiny. It may *look* otherwise, but believe me, there are giant scales that measure very fine!

I want to thank each and every one of you who took time to write to me about your own experiences with Juliana's ailment — Osgood-Schlatter's disease. Curiously enough, one of these letters came from a member of our own family—Donald's wife, Mary Beth. She said that she spent one long, very hot summer in a cast while she waited for a case of Osgood-Schlatter's to clear up. She also said something that a number of you mentioned—that she had to be careful for a long time after the cast was removed. Well, it looks as if we have another good month to go before we reach that stage—only x-rays can reveal when it is safe to do away with the cast. All of us will be so happy when that day comes and when Juliana can resume a fairly normal life.

I must say that she has been remarkably patient. Never once has she complained about it. Whenever I find myself regretting that this had to come to her I just stop and thank



Here are the frames that I describe in my letter.

God that at least it is something curable, and that Russell and I have been spared the terrible problem of combatting a life-long condition. Surely when the final reckoning is made there will be a special recognition of the brave parents who somehow found the courage to live with a gallant spirit while their hearts were broken over the beloved child who was afflicted beyond cure with a mental or physical handicap. Such parents are the true Servants of God.

Fall housecleaning has not yet been done here because I can't see, to save my life, what good it will do to have drapes cleaned, porches scrubbed, curtains washed, etc., until we get some good rains that will settle the dust. How I hope that by the time you read this our parched Midwest will have had soaking autumn rains! And not just because it makes a difference on housecleaning! I know from your letters that many of you feel downright discouraged after three consecutive years of miserable growing conditions. I guess that under these conditions the best solace to be found is to remember back to pioneer days when comparable things happened—and when there was so much less of a backlog with which to meet it.

A letter from Russell's mother the other day brought the news that his only brother, Richard and his family would be transferred back to their home in Minneapolis in November. They have been in Lancaster, California since May. Poor Arleigh! She has had to get five children packed up and moved, into new schools, etc., at least ten times in the last few years. In addition to all of this she has to prepare their good-sized home for tenants, clean out the big freezer, and a thousand other things. The only reason she went through all of this the last time was because it looked as if the California move would extend through a full year and possibly two years. But Richard's highly specialized work for a big corporation (he's an electronics engineer) calls for all kinds of emergency transfers, so . . . Arleigh will just have to reconcile herself to seeing

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many different parts of the country!

On page 14 you'll see a picture of the new, inexpensive frames that Russell devised for Juliana's butterfly collection. She has many very fine specimens now and is growing so increasingly interested that I wouldn't be surprised if she didn't make research in this field her life work.

Custom built frames are highly expensive and we didn't feel that we could afford to go in for them, so Russell devised a very satisfactory substitute. After putting on the block ceiling tile in our house we had pieces left over, so he used these tiles—they happen to be 12x24 inches in dimension. He trimmed the edges with a sharp knife and then made a frame for them of scrap lumber we had on hand; this lumber was 1 1/2 inches by 1/2 inch thick. This was nailed to the tile like any frame would be applied. Then glass was placed on top (this cost 50¢) and the entire thing was sealed with masking tape.

For a very small outlay we had wonderfully satisfactory frames for mounting the butterflies to beautiful perfection. The ceiling tile is soft enough to permit pins to be placed in it easily, and this means that the butterflies can be stretched out to their maximum. As a matter of fact, it seems to me that such a frame could be utilized equally well for any number of hobbies. If you don't have any of the ceiling tiles on hand you can purchase them most reasonably at any lumber yard, and if you don't have scrap lumber on hand you can get it at a cheap price too. Your biggest outlay will be for the glass—in our case, as I said, 50¢ per frame.

I truly think that children should be encouraged to start such hobbies. It gives them a great source of interest and opens up a continually expanding world to them. Young people who care, honestly *care*, about such pursuits aren't nearly as likely to get into trouble as the young people who haven't developed an absorbing interest. We parents must encourage them and help them to get started. In our case, Russell took time and patience to help work out a permanent mounting for them within our means. Any father, regardless of how unskilled he may be at carpentry, could turn out a frame this simple. Later we will paint these frames dead white—they hang against the Wedgewood blue walls in her room and the contrast will be effective.

The Farmer's Arms sampler has arrived at its destination, and my friend was pleased with it. After I finished the sampler I hauled out a tablecloth that I started years ago and have done some work on it. I find the design (I stamped it myself) so hard to see that I'm almost tempted to abandon it and start afresh on a white linen cloth with the transfer right on it. For odd moments I have a pair of pillow cases that I'm embroidering, so I'm not without something to pick up that doesn't strain my eyes.

Time to start supper. Do write to me when you can.

—Lucile

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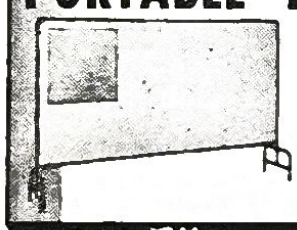

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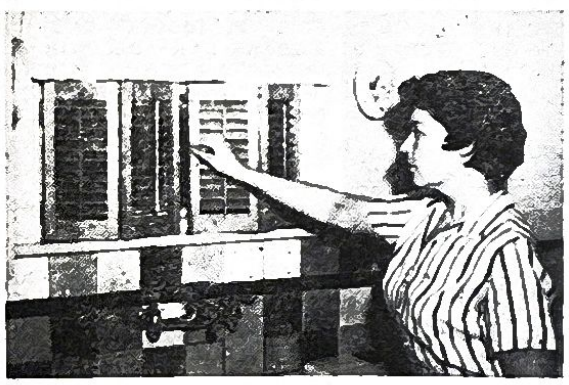

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By
Mildred Cathcart

One of my favorite Thanksgiving stories is the one told about the Pilgrims and the five grains. Last year a church in Ohio read my account of our family's "five grain" tradition and this was the basis for a most unusual Harvest Home Sunday.

Since many churches observe a Harvest Home, a special Thanksgiving service, or a "We Worship Together Sunday" during the Thanksgiving season, perhaps some of your groups would like to use this idea, too. Several women's societies and clubs have used the idea for their November meetings.

In case you are not familiar with this little story of the Pilgrim's hardships, let me say briefly that the food supply was so low that each Pilgrim was given but five grains of corn as his portion. Yet for these meagre grains, there were prayers of thanksgiving offered.

At our Thanksgiving table we put tiny plastic bags at each plate. Inside these gaily tied bags are five grains of corn reminiscent of the Pilgrim's poverty. Each of us tells the five things for which we have been most thankful during the year. With these blessings enumerated, we find ourselves able to offer thanks most humbly and sincerely.

The church in Ohio made a special program for this particular Sunday. For a cover they used a gaily colored autumn scene with corn shocks, pumpkins, etc. (This project is good for some Junior class that may want to share in preparations.) Inside the booklet was a brief story of the FIVE GRAINS and below this was printed the One Hundredth Psalm. At the top of the next page was stapled a small plastic bag containing the five grains of corn.

Then followed the program for the service. The sermon was built around "T-H-A-N-K-S", in the following manner:

Thanksgiving—Philippians 4:6
Harvest—Genesis 8:22
All things—Romans 8:32
Nation—Psalm 33:12
Kindness—Psalm 36:7
Son of God—Galatians 4:4 to 8

(One of the women's organizations who carried out this theme lighted six candles and had appropriate music sung.)

In the Ohio church, the service ended with a Harvest of offerings for a children's home. As the Doxology was sung, the members came forward bearing their food items which were to be used for their children's home.

This idea may be varied, but if we are careful to enumerate our blessings we shall surely sing and make melody in our hearts "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

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The golden leaves of sycamore are
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The flame of sumac lights each country lane,
Goldenrod is mellowing on the hill,
And blackbirds start their conclave
once again.
Now comes fulfillment of spring's
promise,
Reward for all our many hours of
toil,
With thankful hearts and busy hands
we take
Our heritage from a kind and willing
soil.

—Lula Lamme

SIMPLICITY

I get much pleasure from the simple
things—
Each homely task my housework
daily brings;
I need no funds of wealth—no castle
grand,
To show the treasured joys on every
hand.

I like the ruffled crispness of sheer
curtains white,
The jeweled gleam of jelly glasses
bright;
The fresh clean smell of laundry
newly done,
Clear window panes reflecting morning sun.

The table set with brown loaves freshly baked;
A pinafore that happy hours helped
make;
Porch step responding to the easy
sweep of broom,
And daily dusting of a much-used
living room.

O - I find joy in all these simple
things,
And with them all my glad heart ever
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A happy challenge in each day I
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For life is sweet—and truly, God
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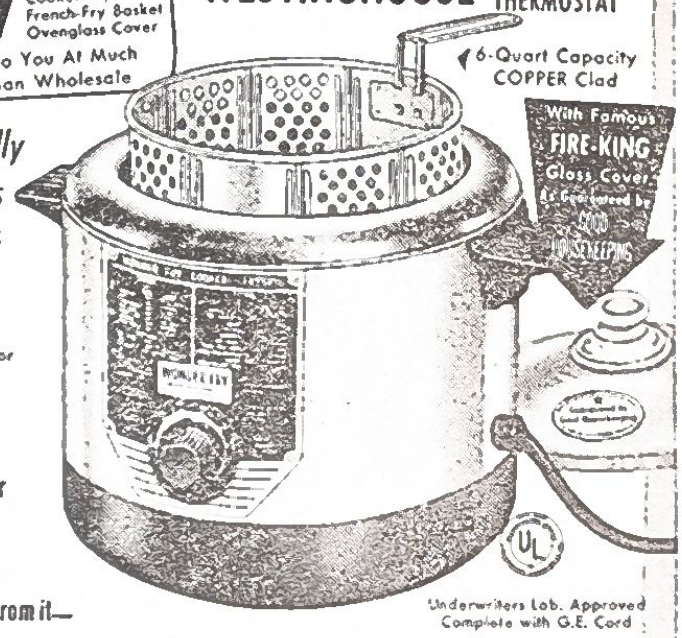

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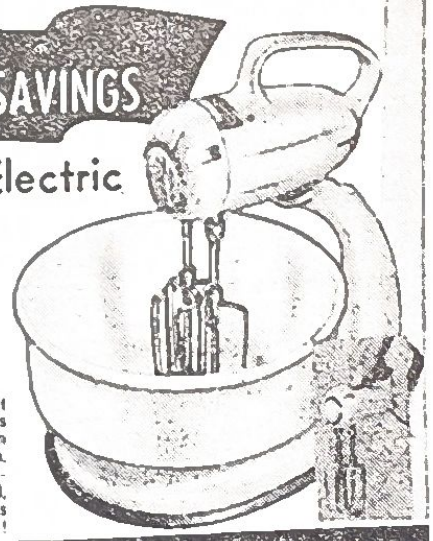

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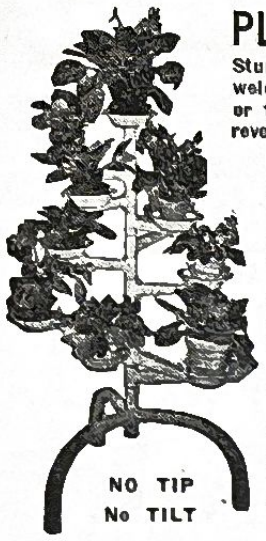

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"CLOSETROPHOBIA"

By

Esther G. Sigsbee

I have a great deal of sympathy for the Collier brothers, those two New York recluses who passed away a few years ago. When the story of finding their bodies came out, the nation was shocked at the accumulation of junk in their home. They had saved, collected, stored and hoarded until there was almost no room for the brothers to move around. Pathetic as was the case of the Colliers, there are times when the clutter accumulates so fast at our house that I think a similar fate could possibly happen here!

A family certainly accumulates a lot of junk in fifteen years of living in the same house and it's hard to know what to do with it all. The easy way to solve the problem, it seems to me, would be to move every other year, preferably to a location where shipping rates would preclude taking anything but the most valuable and necessary equipment. Or the accumulation could be gotten rid of by burning the house to the ground.

Neither plan is too practical in my case. We like living in our town and I've heard they put you in jail for arson. Only one course of action remains, and for me, it's really a last resort. Two or three times a year, during spring or fall housecleaning, I have to roll up my sleeves, steel my nerves and start throwing out the junk.

On the whole, I wouldn't go back to keeping house the way Grandma did thirty years ago. I love the push button appliances and the easy to clean furnishings that allow me to wear myself out doing other things. But there are two things I envy Grandmother — her hired girl and her great, big attic.

At our house, we don't have an attic; we have a storage closet. It's upstairs, under the eaves and to get into it you have to move some bedroom furniture. I guess I've got kind of a "thing" about that closet. It could even develop into a complex — a closetrophobia. For to me, that closet represents all the most frustrating parts of housekeeping. It's my Waterloo, my Achilles' Heel and my Black Hole of Calcutta. It's the secret vice I keep hidden from the world and I wouldn't let my best friend look into it.

We put things in cardboard boxes and shove them into that closet. In it are shorts from last summer, coats for next winter, baby clothes, outgrown blue jeans, worn-out dresses and some we're waiting to grow into. There are lamp shades and love letters, a potty chair and maternity clothes. There's a globe of the world with Africa caved in and a pillow with the feathers leaking. There are boxes of rags and gobs and gobs of things we are saving just because you never can tell when they might come in handy.

The kids get into the closet to make a hide-out or to find something to play dress-up. Everthing spills out of

Dorothy fixed some turnips (see her letter) when she visited the folks the last time. Here she is with Mother.

the boxes and nobody puts anything back. I suspect that once in a while, somebody goes in there with a big stick and stirs, just to be sure everything stays plenty messy.

When I clean this closet I have to pick a day when I'm cheerful, have no aches or pains and when my scotch nature allows me to part with things with abandon. I seldom feel this way so that's another reason the closet is always messy. If I tried to do the job when I was feeling blue, I'm sure I'd end up with a nervous breakdown.

Church and club rummage sales and missionary boxes do lots of good in this old world. They not only raise money for worthy organizations, furnish lots of rug makers with material and clothe the heathen, but they also give the housewife the incentive to clear out the clutter. And when I clean my closet, the city dump also gets a big contribution.

There are certain rules to follow in cleaning attics and storage closets. The first is to ignore, absolutely *ignore* the box with the old letters and high school souvenirs. If you start looking through these, you are really licked. Noon will come, the family will be home for lunch and you'll still be sitting in the messy closet trying to remember why you thought that fifteen year old Sophomore was so romantic.

Another rule is to not be tempted into trying on your wedding dress or slipping into that little number that brought so many compliments back in 1934. The dresses won't fit and they never are as good-looking as they once were. Come to think of it, neither am I.

Be sure to keep the family away from the boxes once you have them sorted out ready to throw away or give to some one. If anybody, including Father, gets his hands on any of the junk it will suddenly become very valuable. He'll never be able to part with it and you'll be right back where you started. And, incidentally, don't throw out or give away all of your baby clothes. You know blamed well what will happen if you do.

Leave the buttons and the zippers on the garments you send to the rummage sales and missionary boxes. The people who get these items like to wear clothes all fastened up just like you do. Anyway, you already have enough old buttons, don't you?

What I can't figure out is how I can give away, throw out, repack and

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GOOD NEIGHBORS

By

Gertrude Hayzlett

When you counted your blessings this morning, weren't you so thankful for them that you wished you knew someone with whom you could share them? Here are some folks whose blessings are few and you could make them very happy by passing along a wee share of yours.

Mrs. Lucy Rossmiller, Otter Tail Nursing Home, Battle Lake, Minn., has been bedfast for several years, partly because she is 85 and not well and partly because she has had two leg amputations. She loves to get letters.

Mrs. Lydia M. Rieve, 922 - 1 Ave. S., St. James, Minn., has arthritis. Her hands are too stiff to write (she spends all of her time in a wheelchair), but she enjoys getting mail.

Benjamin Pansie has never walked—he is 63. The brother with whom he lived passed away recently and Ben is now in the Mutte Home, 360 First St., Menasha, Wisc. He wants things to read.

Mrs. J. W. McNabb, Rt. 2, Osceola, Mo., has arthritis and has been bedfast since 1946. She is very discouraged and cheery letters would help her morale.

Mrs. Blanche Loveless had a series of heart attacks and the doctors said she could not stay alone any longer, so she is now in Bldg. D-2, Fairmont Hospital, San Leandro, Calif. She is not allowed to use her arms at all so will not be able to write you. Please send lots of cards.

Geo. C. Hartung, age 70, has been moved to the Eden Home, Lakeview Blvd., New Braunfels, Texas. He loves to get mail.

Miss Rachel Gorden, Box 724, Augusta, Maine is quite ill again. Please send cards. I doubt if she can answer.

Mrs. Ethel Gilbert hasn't been well for some time and is now in Talihina, Okla., c/o Sanitarium. Send cards only.

Mrs. Cora Flaggard, Rt. 1, Garden Grove, Iowa has been shutin for some time. She has a birthday November 3 and would much appreciate a card.

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Jacquelyn Bush, Augusta, Kans., age 11, had brain surgery recently. Cards would help.

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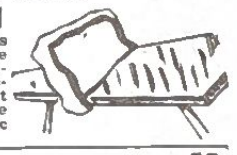

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CLOSETROPHIA—Concluded

transfer so much junk and still come out at the end of the project with the closet just as full as it was when I started. But I must admit it's neater and the cobwebs are in the vacuum cleaner instead of on the ceiling.

Henceforth, I always swear, that closet is going to be kept in order. I can swear it, but I know what will happen. There'll be a day soon when I have to get out the girls' snow suits. I'll look for them in the box marked, "Girls' cts. skts. & swtrs." They won't be there. They'll be in the box marked, "Bathg suts., ovrshs. and Miscl." I'll dig to the bottom of both boxes, I'll be interrupted by the telephone, the youngsters will explore the closet and the cycle will start over again.

It has been said that you can find sermons even in stones. Although my thoughts don't usually run that way when I'm performing the job, I suppose we can draw morals even from housecleaning.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could apply the same cleaning tactics to our spiritual life as we do to our homes?

Wouldn't it be fine if we could sort out the mean and petty thoughts, the idle gossip that clutter up our lives and throw them away much as we clear a closet?

If we could polish up the windows of our hearts like we do the panes in our living rooms, wouldn't we get more light there also?

And, once we have both our homes and our lives straightened out, wouldn't it be perfect if we would work at it day by day and keep them always in order.

FREDERICK'S LETTER—Concluded

Do you want a good laugh? Well, I heard something on television one day last week that I thought was very funny. The man speaking said: "A recent survey shows that there are 49 million television sets in the United States. The same survey showed that there are only 45 million bathtubs in this country. What does it prove? It proves that there are 4 million dirty families watching television every night!" How silly! You and I know that the one fact does not prove the other. The logic of such reasoning is unsound, and in the same way the logic of many people is unsound when they talk about divine providence. As much as we may believe that God has a personal concern for each of the sheep of his fold, we must be careful when we try to particularize the revealing of divine providence.

It is time for me to make my visits to the local hospitals, and so I must close for now.

Sincerely,
Frederick

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Whatever you grow in your garden, friend,
Of beauty, or ugly weed—
The Fall will come and the wind will blow,
And over will come your seed.

Your words blow into my life, my friend,
Or whether of good or ill,
Your thoughts fly over, like ships of love,
Or daggers that pierce and kill.

Your smiles blow into my heart, dear friend,
And neighbor across the way:
They blow and blossom in buds of love—
A blessing to life all day.

—Unknown

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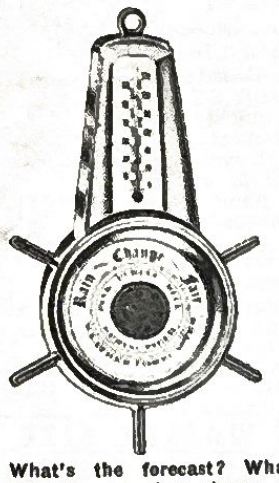

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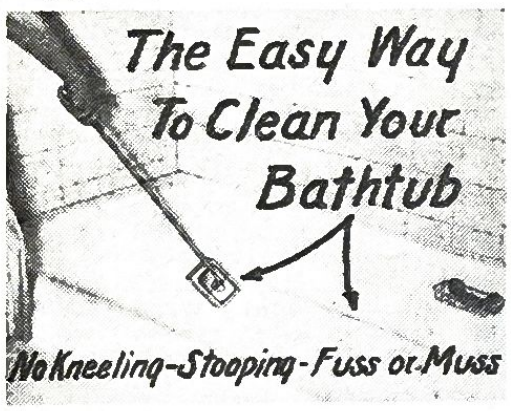

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Then one day Sammy found a shiny fireman's hat under a persimmon tree. He put it on his head and went out to play.

"You found *that* in the jungle?" asked the other elephant children, who couldn't quite believe it.

"Certainly," said Sammy. "See for yourself. It was under a persimmon tree."

So all the elephant children went to look, and though there were hundreds of persimmon trees in the jungle, not one of them had a fireman's hat beneath it.

"Oh, well," said the elephant children, "it's really not so fine, anyhow," and they all played coconut catch in the clearing.

The next day Sammy found some shiny fireman's boots under a mango tree. Of course, there were only two, but he put them on the front where they would show and went out to play.

"You found *those* in the jungle?" asked the elephant children, who still didn't believe a word of it.

"Certainly," said Sammy. "See for yourself. They were under a mango tree."

So all the elephant children went to look, and although there were thousands of mango trees, not one of them had a pair of fireman's boots beneath it.

The elephant children went home to the elephant mothers.

"Sammy is telling a fib," they said. "We looked under hundreds of persimmon trees and we looked under thousands of mango trees, and we didn't find a single hat nor a single boot."

"There was probably only one fireman," said Sammy, who was a peaceable elephant.

"Quite probably," agreed his elders. "The rest of you will have to *pretend* that you found a fireman's hat and a fireman's boots and that you are fire-elephants. Soon Sammy will be ready to share."

Then Sammy didn't feel so peaceable. After all, he was the elephant who was smart enough to look under the right trees, and he didn't feel the slightest notion to share.

He put on his fireman's hat and his fireman's boots and went out to play coconut catch in the clearing.

The other elephant children put on their make-believe fireman's hats and make-believe fireman's boots and went out to play catch, too.

The trouble was, Sammy's boots went c-l-u-m-p! c-l-u-m-p! when he ran, and though his envious little elephant playmates tried very hard, they couldn't make their make-believe boots go c-l-u-m-p! c-l-u-m-p! at all.

Besides, somebody was always forgetting his make-believe hat. When they played in the jungle, Sammy tied his hat on with a grapevine. But the other elephant children forgot, and when the low branches swept their make-believe hats off, they never thought to go back to get them until Sammy reminded them that they had *all* lost their hats a half hour ago. It was clear that this would never work.

At last the elephants decided that it might be better to pretend that Sammy had found nothing at all.

No shiny fireman's hat.

No shiny boots.

Just nothing at all.

They trumpeted especially loud at their play, so that they couldn't hear Sammy's lovely boots go c-l-u-m-p! c-l-u-m-p!

And though Sammy spent a whole morning polishing his hat with the moss that grew under his favorite persimmon tree, not a single elephant told him that it looked fine. It is hard to believe that even very small elephants could be so envious.

"There is only one thing to do," nodded his elders wisely. "You will have to pretend yourself that you found nothing under that persimmon tree. Nothing at all."

Now Sammy was such a peaceable elephant that he was willing to try. But it is very hard to pretend that a fireman's cap is nothing at all and it is even harder to pretend that a fireman's boots are nothing at all.

So one day Sammy went for a walk in the jungle. He left his shiny hat under the persimmon tree and his shiny boots under the mango tree, and when he came back to the clearing he was the most peaceable elephant in the world, because he didn't have to pretend at all.

"Where are your boots?" asked the elephant children, hoping that he had lost them in the river.

"I took them back," said Sammy. "I would rather be friends than be special."

The elephant children felt so ashamed they dropped their ears over their faces so they wouldn't have to look at each other. It is very hard not to be ashamed sometimes. One by one they ambled off into the jungle.

Sammy, who was feeling mighty peaceable, lay down for a nap.

When he awoke, there was his hat, and there were his boots, all shined up and looking fine.

"We are sorry," said the elephant children. "Please put them on and enjoy them."

Sammy felt such a burst of peaceableness that he wiggled from his ears to his tail.

"Just on Sundays," he promised. "During the rest of the week, you may each have a turn. After all, if there are not enough firemen to go around, the least a peaceable elephant can do is to share!"

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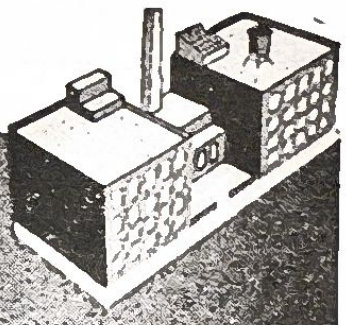

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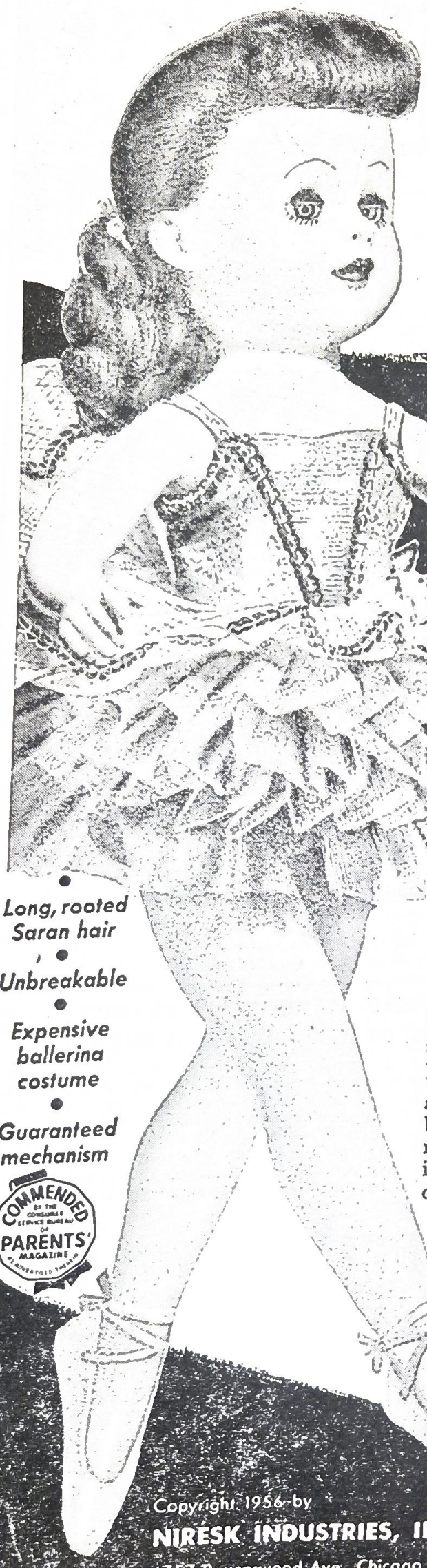

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